REMARKS

Status of the Application

Applicants submit this reply along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and

a request for a three (3) month suspension of action.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the remarks and arguments

made in the June 5, 2007 reply. In the Advisory Action dated July 25, 2007, the Examiner

indicated that the present claims may be outside the presently elected invention, based on the

Restriction dated May 3, 2006. However Applicants note that all of the currently pending claims

are clearly within Invention I of the May 3, 2006 restriction. See page 2, paragraph 1.

Accordingly, the Examiner's full consideration of the amendment filed June 5, 2007 is

appropriate and respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present

application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark Konieczny (Reg. No. 47,715)

at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to

expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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